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The Honorable Benjamin Allen, Chair
Senate Committee on Environmental Quality
State Capitol, Room 2205
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Allen:

**SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 161 (TING) AS AMENDED ON JUNE 27, 2019 –
SOLID WASTE: PAPER WASTE: PROOFS-OF-PURCHASE**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 161 (AB 161), as amended on June 27, 2019.

If enacted, the proposed legislation, would require a business that accepts payment through cash, credit, or debit transactions, subject to certain exceptions, to provide a proof-of-purchase to a consumer only at the consumer's discretion and would prohibit a business from printing a paper proof-of-purchase if the consumer opts to not receive a proof-of-purchase, unless otherwise required by state or federal law. The bill would prohibit a business from providing a paper proof-of-purchase to a consumer containing bisphenol A (BPA) or bisphenol S (BPS), and from including items not essential to the transaction, including, but not limited to, coupons or advertisements. The bill would specify that the first and second violations of any of those provisions would result in a notice of violation and any subsequent violation would be punishable by a civil penalty of \$25 for each day the business is in violation, but not to exceed an annual total of \$300. The bill would authorize the Attorney General, a district attorney, or a city attorney to enforce those provisions. The bill would make these provisions operative on January 1, 2022.

Paper receipts are a toxic contaminant of paper and other materials in the waste, recycling, and composting streams due to BPA or BPS coatings. This bill would reduce paper receipt waste generated that cannot feasibly be recycled and is toxic to compost. Paper receipts annually generate some 302 million pounds of waste nationally. We estimate roughly 36 million pounds of paper receipt waste is generated by Californians annually, and 9.5 million pounds by Los Angeles County residents and businesses.

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Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective and environmentally sound solid waste management system in Los Angeles County, the Task Force also addresses issues impacting the system on a countywide basis. The Task Force membership includes representatives of the League of California Cities-Los Angeles County Division, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, City of Los Angeles, waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **supports** AB 161 as amended on June 27, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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